

# Code of Honour

## Academic Architects and Engineers in Finland TEK

Technology is a vital means of increasing human welfare that has developed as part of our culture, involving skills that have assumed a precise form with growing scientific knowledge.

The impacts of technology have often been irreversible, complex and far-reaching. Technological progress must ensure biodiversity and conserve a viable environment for future generations.

Technology can only be managed when political decisions are based on the most reliable information concerning technology and its impacts achieved through frank dialogue and interaction between the public and representatives of various specialised sectors.

Huge disparities persist in human living conditions and social development in various parts of the world. A more widespread application of technology is the principal instrument for resolving the problems caused by these disparities.

Conscious of my rights and duties, I resolve to adhere to this code of honour in everything that I do.

### SHAPING THE FUTURE

As a specialist in technology, I am building roads to the future. I am also responsible to future generations for the progress and application of technology. My work will respect the requirements of sustainable development.

### CONTINUITY

My knowledge and skills are a legacy of the efforts of individuals over the millennia. I am concerned in turn to ensure that the younger generation in my profession acquires the skills and traditions of technology.

### LIFE LONG PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

I am continually reinforcing my skills and intellectual growth.

### RESPECTING THE WORK OF OTHERS

I respect the rights of others to their insights, publications and other outcomes of creative endeavour.

### POLITICAL INFLUENCE

By working in my organisation and participating in public life, I promote appreciation for the profession and for its common objectives.

### WORK ETHIC

I shall only accept assignments with known aims of which I can personally approve. My employers and clients may rest assured that I will do my best for them.

### INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

I shall remain honest and incorruptible in my profession. I will always take personal responsibility for my actions. Service as a representative of the profession will not compromise my personal responsibility.

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